

REMARKS

The applicant provides the following remarks which address each concern raised by the office in the non-final communication mailed November 1, 2004.

Cancellation of Claims. The applicant has canceled claims 73-78 without prejudice solely to expedient the examination of the application and to accept allowance of certain claims. The applicant does not waive any right to have these canceled claims examined in subsequently filed continuation, division, continuation-in-part, or similar continuing applications without a reduction in breadth or scope.

Claim Objections. Claims 70-72 and 79-85 have been amended to replace “A” with -- The-- as suggested by the office. Claim 81, line 2 “to said” has been replaced with -- said-- as suggested by the office.

Section 112 Concerns. The applicant has amended claims 71 and 72 to amend the recitation of “said catch element engagement surface” to --

Section 102 Concerns. The office has raised novelty concerns with respect to claims 69-71, 73-81, 82/80, 84 and 85 as anticipated by United States Patent No. 4,825,515 to Wolterstorff, Jr. (“Wolterstorff”). A claim is anticipated only if “each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987); MPEP 2131. “The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained. . .in the claim.” *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1225, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

The applicant has amended claim 69 to further include the recitation of --a pair of lock members-- and -- a pair of lock member engagement elements-- which differentiates the claimed invention from Wolterstorff. Because Wolterstorff does not include all the

elements of claim 69 as amended, claim 69 as amended is not anticipated by the Wolterstorff reference.

Allowable Subject Matter. The office found claim 72 allowable if rewritten to overcome Section 112 concerns set forth in the official action, and found claims 82/81 and 83 allowable if rewritten in independent form. The applicant believes that a broader claim is possible in view of Wolterstorff and the applicant respectfully request reconsideration of claim 69 as amended.

CONCLUSION

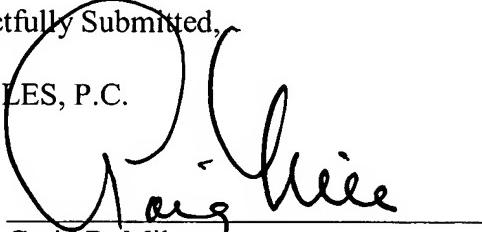
The applicant has canceled claims 73-78 without prejudice and has amended claim 69 to differentiate the invention as claimed from the Wolterstorff reference. The applicant respectfully request reconsideration of claim 60-72 and claims 79-85 as amended.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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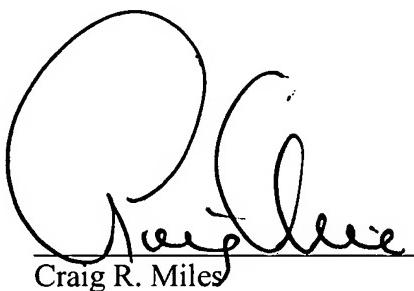
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